

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 33. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

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RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Good	Below Average
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	66.7	67.4	71.4	66.4	69.4	72.9
• Passed 2 subtests	14.1	16.3	17.9	18.3	16.9	15.4
• Passed 1 subtest	10.3	14.1	8.3	9.3	9.2	7.8
• Passed no subtests	9.0	2.2	2.4	5.9	4.5	4.0

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships at four-year institutions	23.7%	21.1%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	23.7%	22.4%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	76.3%	54.0%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Seniors			
Student Group	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	88.9%	23.7%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	0.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	90.0%	25.0%	
Gender			
Male	89.7%	24.0%	
Female	88.1%	23.5%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	100.0%	0.0%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	86.9%	28.6%	
Other	N/A	N/A	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	83.3%	8.3%	
Pay for lunch	90.4%	27.7%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	84.8%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	19.5%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,826	N/A	\$5,871	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	83.9%	Down from 84.9%	90.1%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	25.1 to 1	N/A	25.9 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=440)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	26.7%	N/A	43.4%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	93.3%	Up from 92.7%	95.2%	95.3%
• Retention rate	14.1%	Up from 6.0%	9.3%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=31)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	10.5 Days	Up from 8.1	7.1 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	92.7%	Down from 93.9%	95.8%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	58.1%	Up from 53.6%	51.2%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	93.5%	Up from 83.9%	84.8%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	12.9%	Up from 0.0%	2.6%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	80.4%	Up from 79.1%	87.4%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$39,951	Up 6.8%	\$38,972	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	4.0%	Up from 3.6%	2.9%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	56.4%	N/A	55.2%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	4.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	58.6%	N/A	61.4%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	8.9%	Up from 6.7%	9.6%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	8	N/A	27	29
• Gifted and talented	13.1%	Up from 11.5%	10.7%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	7.3%	Up from 5.5%	11.0%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	15.7%	N/A	5.5%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	86	N/A	345	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	22.3%	N/A	27.1%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Blacksburg High School had an excellent year. Students performed well academically, artistically and athletically. Many students were engaged in a number of service activities to aid the school and community. Our long-term goals include increasing the graduation and promotion rates and decreasing the number of dropouts. We are also working to increase the amount of parental and community involvement. Listed below are some of the achievements from 2000-2001.

The Class of 2001 included a National Merit Scholar, and 76% of the class were eligible for South Carolina Life scholarships. Two seniors received Palmetto Fellows awards. The class was offered over \$770,00 in scholarships with 96.5% of the class meeting standard on all three areas of the Exit Exam.

On the spring 2001 Exit Exam, 91.7% of first attempt tenth grade students met standard in Reading. Twenty-six students scored at or above 1000 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test or 22 or above on the ACT. The Wildcat SAT team has been second in the region for the last two year.

As part of an increased emphasis on writing, many students submitted work to national, state and district contests. Three students were selected as first place winners in state contests. Blacksburg High School students placed first in three of the four divisions of the district Young Writer's Competition.

The Wildcat Marching Band placed fourth in the state. This marked the fifteenth year that this program has been ranked in the top ten in the state. The chorus, handbells, and drama groups performed at state, community and district functions during the school year. Six athletic teams advanced to state playoffs.

Our students contributed to the community in many ways. They conducted a blood drive, a year long recycling project and school beautification tasks.

These accomplishments highlight progress toward our goals.
Thomas F. Goforth, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	58.6	53.7	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	58.6	65.9	
Satisfied with home-school relations	62.1	72.8	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 440 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Good



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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